

Development Authority of Lumpkin County Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014
Conference Room, Lumpkin County Administration Building

Board Members in attendance: Jim Curtis, Donna Gessell, Jason Cox, Jim Higdon, JoAnne Taylor, John Gaston

Associate Members/Guests in attendance: Chairman Chris Dockery, Joy Edelberg, Jane O’Gorman, Toby Stroffer, Pete Seabolt,

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Curtis at 9:00 am

Motion to approve agenda: Jim Higdon. Second: JoAnne Taylor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve October minutes: Donna Gessell. Second: Jim Higdon. Motion carried.

Associate Members Reports – BOC Chairman Chris Dockery noted DOT will be doing striping in the spring. Waiting to hear from Dept of Justice to see what we can be exempt from for Project Civic Access

School Technology Director Pete Seabolt reported the SAC evaluation gave LC a glowing report on digital learning.

Financial reports

Monthly financial reports for October presented by Kathy Crafton. All questions from previous reports were resulting from audit adjustments and have been resolved. Motion to accept financial statements: JoAnne Taylor. Second: Jason Cox. Motion carried.

Audit RFQ – Kathy Crafton recommended renewing contract with Rushton & Company. Motion to renew contract with Rushton and Company for audit services for the next three years: Kathy Crafton. Second: Jim Higdon. Motion carried.

Kathy Crafton suggested taking more responsibility for basic bookkeeping to save money and be more efficient. Discussion resulted in giving treasurer task of determining best option. Motion to empower Treasurer Kathy Crafton to choose bookkeeping service: JoAnne Taylor. Second: Donna Gessell. Motion carried.

Executive Directors report: Director Steve Gooch stated that the Development Authority had done all we could to facilitate the Spirits USA deal for the Fieldale property. It is in the hands of the City. PCG project – property has an interested investor that may be willing to purchase and build. Potential incentives have been discussed. Dan MacRae is drafting documents. Arcadia project is proceeding with the assistance of Dan MacRae who is preparing MOU. BMK is meeting with BOC tonight to discuss the project. Would like to get BOC approval before end of year.

Steve noted an upcoming trip to Chattanooga to discuss their Giga city. Every home in the city has access to gigabit service. Steve noted Steak and Shake has property under contract.

Jane O’Gorman noted that Ron Breakstone was honored at the Featherbone Communiversiity.

Toby Stroffer questioned Director and Board about how many new businesses are in the county in 2014 that can be directly contributed to the efforts of the Development Authority. Steve explained that part of the job of the Development Authority is retain, facilitate expansion. Board Chair Chris Dockery explained that there are efforts of the Development Authority. The Board is working on projects that can’t be publicized that will manifest in the future.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Higdon. Second: JoAnne Taylor. Meeting adjourned at 10.06 am.

Approved